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ignored nor overlooked and that Israeli practices contradict all the  
talk we hear about peace..."

12. Regular columnist of independent Al-Ayyam, Talal Okal, opines  
under the title, "Memories of Flesh and Blood..." (09/18): "Since  
the beginning of negotiations at Madrid that were based on an  
initiative launched by George Bush senior after the world war for  
the liberation of Kuwait, three American presidents: Bush senior,  
Bill Clinton and Bush junior, have taken turns at negotiations to  
achieve peace in the Middle East... Since that time, seven heads of  
Israeli government have also tried their hand at negotiations, with  
the eighth to be born on Thursday [Kadima elections]... Rabin,  
showing the courage that the others lacked, went to the Oslo  
signing... we do not know what would have happened if Rabin were  
still alive, but the realities and the core of the Zionist scheme  
have hardened. This is why he was killed so early, indicating that  
he was going against the natural path of Israel... Since Annapolis,  
the latest round of negotiations have not accomplished anything and  
here is the lame duck speaking poetry before leaving the political  
arena [Israeli Premier Olmert in his last cabinet speech], handing  
over the reins to his successor in Kadima. But realities on the  
ground speak louder, foreshadowing the coming failure of all peace  
initiatives. Shouldn't we now examine this process closely and try  
to learn some lessons? Is there still time? Will our internal  
dispute give us the pause to conduct this review or are individual

goals more important?"

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